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HOMEOWNER NOTIFICATIONS OF PHASE TWO GRANT PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Homeowners who registered for Phase II of the Homeowners Assistance Program will soon receive packets that explain the grant process and that verifies information provided during the registration process. The packets may also request additional information from homeowners in order to begin processing their applications. 2006 income information for each occupant in the household will be needed to complete the packet.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) has begun notifying homeowners in staged mail outs over a period of two weeks, mailed in the order that the applicants registered. Mail outs should be completed by March 1.

Each Phase II packet includes forms explaining the required information. Homeowners may contact the Call Center at 866-369-6302 or visit a Service Center for assistance in completing the requested information. No appointment is necessary. Completed forms may be mailed back to the grant program or returned at one of the Service Centers.

Service Centers may be found at:

Jackson County Service Center

Signing River Mall

2800 Hwy 90, Suite 1382, Gautier

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Harrison County Service Center

Prime Outlets – Gulfport

10000 Factory Shops Blvd., Gulfport

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hancock County Service Center

3068 Longfellow Drive, Bldg. 6A, Bay St. Louis

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MDA is still taking applications for both Phase I and Phase II of the Homeowners Assistance Program. Homeowners should contact the Call Center at 866-369-6302 with any questions.

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About Mississippi Development Authority

Mississippi Development Authority is the State of Mississippi's lead economic and community development agency. Nearly 300 employees are engaged in providing services to businesses, communities and workers in the state. While the agency is best known for its efforts to recruit new businesses to Mississippi, the Authority provides services to promote tourism, help communities improve their quality of place, help existing employers identify and meet opportunities and challenges and help workers improve their skills – all with the goal of improving the quality of life and economic well-being of Mississippians. For more information, visit MDA's website at www.mississippi.org.